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SUBJ: DAYAN AND NUSEIBEH ON FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK

1. MOSHE DAYAN AND ANWAR NUSEIBEH, FORMER JORDANIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WERE FEATURED SPEAKERS JUNE 14 AT CLOSING EVENT OF 3-DAY SEMINAR ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SPONSORED BY TRUMAN INSTITUTE OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY.

2. NUSEIBEH, WHO LIVES IN EAST JERUSALEM AND RARELY APPEARS AT ANY PUBLIC FUNCTION, PRESENTED LENGTHY WELL-PREPARED SPEECH WHICH OUTLINED THREE ALTERNATIVES FOR ISRAEL REGARDING FUTURE OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES - (1) OBTAIN REAL SECURITY THROUGH PEACE BY WITHDRAWAL, (2) OPT FOR A MULTI-RACIAL STATE AND (3) CONTINUE TO RULE "IMPERIALLY" BY FORCE.

3. NUSEIBEH OPPOSED THE IDEA WHICH DAYAN SUGGESTED THAT ARABS IN WEST BANK SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT. HE ALSO ATTACKED ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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4. DAYAN, SPEAKING MORE EXTEMPORANEOUSLY, DEFENDED ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS AS NOT CONFLICTING WITH ARAB RIGHTS AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT INVOLVE EXPROPRIATION OR DRIVING AWAY ARABS. HE SUPPORTED RIGHT OF ARABS LIVING IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO DECIDE WHAT PASSPORT THEY WISH TO HOLD. DAYAN, DIFFERING FROM

BEGIN, SAID THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO TERM "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" AS IT WAS CLEAR "THE ARABS DON'T WANT US."

5. DAYAN SAW HEART OF PROBLEM AS ARAB REJECTION OF JEWISH STATE. PROBLEM OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS THAT THERE WAS NO SAFE WITHDRAWAL LINE FOR ISRAEL WHICH AT SAME TIME WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ARABS.

6. JERUSALEM POST JUNE 15 IN REPORTING SEMINARY HEADLINED DAYAN AND NUSEIBEH AS AGREEING THAT THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT OF AGREEMENT BY ARABS AND ISRAELIS ON PROBLEM OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IN ABSENCE OF ANY POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH ARABS, DAYAN RECOMMENDED THAT ISRAELI FOLLOW "SECOND BEST" COURSE WHICH WAS "MORE OF THE SAME" POLICY. POST NOTED THAT TONE OF DEBATE WAS MEASURED AND EMOTIONS RESTRAINED CHARACTERIZING NUSEIBEH AS "ELOQUENT AND DIPLOMATIC" AND DAYAN "SELF-CONFIDENT AND PRAGMATIC". OTHER FEATURED PALELIST WAS ABBA EBAN WHO DID NOT APPEAR AND AUDIENCE WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS "ABROAD" PRESUMABLY IN LONDON ON PERSONAL BUSINESS.
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